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HIS Majesty desires this House, as well for the satisfaction of His People, as of Himself, to Expedite such Matters as are depending before them, relating to Popery, and the Plot; and would have them rest assured,

That all Remedies they can tender to His Majeſty, conducing to thoſe Ends, ſhall be very acceptable to Him; Provided they be ſuch as may conſiſt with preſerving the Succeſſion of the Crown in its due and legal courſe of Deſcent.

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THE ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY FROM THE COMMONS.

Saturday, November 13. 1680.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty,

WE, Your Majesty's most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, having taken into our most serious Consideration Your Majesty's Gracious Message brought unto us the ninth day of this Instant *November*, by Mr. Secretary *Jenkins*, do with all Thankfulness acknowledge Your Majesty's Care and Goodness in Inviting us to expedite such Matters as are depending before us relating to Popery and the Plot.

And we do, in all Humility, represent to Your Majesty, that we are fully convinced, that it is highly incumbent upon us, in discharge both of our Duty to Your Majesty, and of that great Trust reposed in us, by those whom we represent, to endeavor, by the most speedy and effectual ways, the Suppression of Popery within this Your Kingdom, and the bringing to publick Justice all such as shall be found Guilty of the Horrid and Damnable Popish Plot. And though the Time of our Sitting (abating what must necessarily be spent in the choosing and presenting a Speaker, appointing Grand Committees, and in taking the Oaths and Tests enjoyned by Act of Parliament) hath not much exceeded a Fortnight; Yet we have in this Time not onely made a considerable Progress in some things which to us seem, and (when presented to Your Majesty in a Parliamentary way) will, we trust, appear to Your Majesty, to be absolutely necessary for the Safety of Your Majesty's Person, the effectual Suppression of Popery, and the Security of the Religion, Lives and Estates of Your Majesty's Protestant Subjects. But even in relation to the Tryals of the Five Lords impeached in Parliament for the Execrable Popish Plot, we have so far proceeded, as we doubt not, but in short time, we shall be ready for the same. But we cannot (without being unfaithful both to Your Majesty, and to our Country,

trey, by whom we are intruſted) omit, upon this occaſion, humbly to inform Your Majeſty, that our Difficulties, even as to theſe Tryals, are much encreaſed by the evil and deſtructive Councels of thoſe Perſons who adviſed Your Majeſty, firſt, to the Prorogation, and then, to the Diſſolution of the laſt Parliament; at a time when the Commons had taken great pains about, and were prepared for thoſe Tryals. And by the like pernicious Councels of thoſe who adviſed the many and long Prorogations of the preſent Parliament, before the ſame was permitted to ſit; whereby ſome of the Evidence which was prepared in the laſt Parliament may poſſibly (during ſo long an Interval) be forgotten or loſt, and ſome Perſons, who might probably have come in as Witneſſes, are either dead, have been taken off, or may have been diſcouraged, from giving their Evidence. But of one miſchievous Conſequence of thoſe dangerous and unhappy Councels we are certainly and ſadly ſenſible, namely, That the Teſtimony of a material Witneſs againſt every of thoſe Five Lords (and who could probably have diſcovered and brought in much other Evidence about the Plot in general, and thoſe Lords in particular) cannot now be given *vivâ voce*. Foraſmuch as that Witneſs is unfortunately dead between the Calling and the Sitting of this Parliament; To prevent the like, or greater Inconvencies

conveniences for the future; We make it our most humble Request to Your Excellent Majesty, that, as You tender the Safety of Your Royal Person, the Security of Your Loyal Subjects, and the Preservation of the True Protestant Religion, You will not suffer Your Self to be prevailed upon by the like Counsels to doe any thing which may occasion in consequence (though we are assured never with Your Majesty's Intention) either the deferring of a full and perfect Discovery and Examination of this most wicked and detestable Plot, or the preventing the Conspirators therein from being brought to speedy and exemplary Justice and Punishment. And we humbly beseech Your Majesty to rest assured, (notwithstanding any Suggestions which may be made by Persons, who, for their own wicked Purposes, contrive to create a Distrust in Your Majesty of Your People,) That nothing is more in the Desires, and shall be more the Endeavors of us, Your faithfull and loyal Commons, then the promoting and advancing of Your Majesty's true Happiness and Greatness.

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